

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 16 April 2013

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 10095)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Resources
SUBJECT:	Demolition of Oaklands School and associated buildings
AUTHOR:	Sharon Bishop

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £480,000 in 2013/14 for the Oaklands School demolition, to be funded by Direct Revenue Financing
- (ii) That the Head of Property and Procurement is granted Delegated Powers to vary the scope and programme of the work following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources within the overall budget parameters of the scheme.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to approve additional expenditure of £100,000 for the demolition and associated costs, bringing the total scheme up to a maximum of £580,000, to be funded by Direct Revenue Financing.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council's approved Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16, includes a budget for the demolition of vacant surplus buildings at the site of the former Oaklands Oasis school (excluding the swimming pool). Cabinet authority is required for approval to spend this budget in 2013/14. Demolition of all redundant buildings at the site plus enhanced perimeter site security is a cost effective alternative to retention of the buildings over an assumed five year void period. Whilst the actual costs of demolition are similar to the anticipated outgoings in retaining the buildings over a five year period, the costs of demolition will enhance the development value of the site, meaning the sooner the buildings are demolished, the greater the benefit to the Council. Demolition proposals exclude the Oaklands Pool.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Retention of all buildings would not be cost effective over the assumed five year void period as the security costs and empty rates liability would be similar to initial outlay on demolition, and demolition will have the added benefit of enhancing the capital receipt on eventual disposal.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 16th April 2013

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Ed Grimshaw

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

24 Apr 2013

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)